

SECTION 6.23.(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 116-29.1(b)(3), the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the University Cancer Research Fund for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is five million six hundred thousand dollars (\$5,600,000), and the amount appropriated from the General Fund to the University Cancer Research Fund for the 2008-2009 fiscal year is fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$15,500,000).

SECTION 6.23.(d) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to products acquired on or after the effective date, and taxes paid on or after the effective date.

A wholesale dealer or retail dealer of tobacco products other than cigarettes who has an inventory of these products on hand on the effective date of the tax increase made by subsection (a) of this section must file a report of the inventory with the Secretary and pay an additional tax on the inventory. The report must be filed within 20 days after the effective date of the tax increase. The amount of the additional tax is the difference between the amount of tax payable at the former tax rate and the increased tax rate.

STATE SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

SECTION 6.24. The General Assembly finds that North Carolina has a rich military heritage and is the site of some of the nation's major military installations, including Camp Lejeune, Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, New River Marine Corps Air Station, United States Coast Guard Air Station, Elizabeth City, and Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. The General Assembly further finds that North Carolina is the home to more than 770,000 veterans of our nation's armed forces and about 120,000 active-duty military personnel, one of the largest active-duty military populations in our entire country. In appreciation of and gratitude to those North Carolinians, both living and deceased, who have served in our armed forces in service to our country, the General Assembly provides funding for and support of the following initiatives:

- (1) Defense and Security Technology Accelerator.
- (2) Mental Health Services for Returning Veterans.
- (3) The Soldier Institute for Regenerative Medicine.
- (4) Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund.
- (5) National Guard Family Assistance Centers.
- (6) National Guard Pension Fund.
- (7) "More at Four" for children of deployed military personnel.

MODIFY HOURS OF SALE FOR PERMITTEES AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN IN-STAND SALES PURSUANT TO G.S. 18B-1009

SECTION 6.25. G.S. 18B-1006 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(q) The hours for sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a permittee who meets the requirements of G.S. 18B-1009 shall be one hour earlier than permitted by G.S. 18B-1004(c)."

PART VII. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES

SECTION 7.1.(a) Effective for the 2007-2008 school year, the Director of the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for Compensation Increases funds necessary to implement the teacher salary schedules set out in subsection (b) of this section and